

THE BLOOMFIELD RECORD.

The Sacredness of Honesty.
No Freedom Without Integrity, No
Liberty Without Knowledge, No
No Justice Without Recognizing Rights of Others.

Liberty can only come by intelligence. Intelligence can only be gained by thoughtful study and patient perusal of facts. The chasm that has held mankind in bondage is Ignorance. By a universal intelligence upon the lines of economics it will be impossible to cajole men into servitude, into re-legating their rights and Liberties to the disposal of others. A glance at the history of the world, shows conclusively that government has never been the special province of the few, because the many were too ignorant to claim their rights, and have bowed to those when they were taught to believe were their betters. Nor has superstition lacked in its influences in subjecting man's mind, but those who have wisely proclaimed themselves as the dispensers of all superior powers and knowledge, derived direct from God, he father of us all, care equally for all and none.

In fact the support of Liberty may be the best help to this cause than all others. This species of ignorance is the most difficult to overcome. Man's great dread and terror of the unseen renders him the abject slave of those who work up his cowardice, timidity and superstitions and such are ever the ready-seas of the rich and influential, so rest in their power that even awakened thought is checked, as being weak and impotent, and the world's reformers shrink from running counter to those who profess to have special charge of his soul.

No man in reform will be much till this spirit is broken. It is painful to see the progress from those days of paganism to the latest of christianity, have sought to check the progress of human thought, from whence must spring human Liberty. No fraternal world can be founded until a universal recognition of the Fatherhood of God, free from every form of doctrinal restraint, is an established fact. The schisms of centuries must be cast aside. The high order of man's purpose and existence must be understood, recognized and practically consummated, in each believing he must live for all, and a life in reform will be much till this spirit is broken.

No Liberty, no fraternity, can exist. The rights of man, the rights of the rights of others, and a universal code of honor, honesty and integrity, at least equal to the Peruvians' four hundred years ago, who could leave all their belongings by placing a white rod at their door, and return an indefinite period to find them intact.

The sacredness of honesty will call forth the epigram "A honest man is the noblest work of God." S. interwoven is this with nations, comity that its absence is destroying our civilization; upon it hinges every foundation of our well being, prosperity and happiness; its phases are so numerous, that it enters into every act of selfishness of the individual. Without it, the sense of duty is entirely absent, without it we drift to chaos.

It is the mainspring of every noble act, it is the very bulwark of our Liberties. It is the key-stone of justice. It is the fountain of true social order. That indifference that leaves to others that the individual ought to do is one of its many phases. Without it we are a seeming caution of corruption.

Surely God Almighty can have no use for a dishonest man; the simple minded honest man may learn, but the dishonest never."

In short, there can be no hope for our civilization, while the dishonest believe that an act of grace can convert them, it is typical of that personal conduct to which the holy cause of mankind, that must alone qualify them to live a life hereafter. "As the tree falleth so shall it be."

Progress, Liberty, justice and human fraternity can only co-exist by the unflinching and untiring effort of each to honestly do his part to all. Too little is the priceless gem prized, too often is it cast aside for those temporaries that only work their own destruction to the mistake—Wm. Saul in *The Coming Nation*.

Struck by a Dead Hand.

Said Henry Billings, a retired railroad engineer:

"I was running a night train on the Santa Fe road back in the seventies. The night was dark and became darker and threatening, and the flashes of lightning were frequent and intense. We were running ahead of our schedule in order to make a siding in time to allow an extra to pass us, and were running fast. I was traveling at the rate of about 30 or 35 miles an hour.

"I was sitting with my face close to the forward window of the cab, gazing straight ahead, when in a brilliant blaze of electricity a man's arm and head suddenly burst with great force through the window, and the hand struck me squarely in the face. I was dazed for an instant by the blow, and held blindly to the side of the cab. My first thought was that some trap was trying to hold up my train to rob the passengers, and acting on this idea, I seized my revolver from its place and dealt the head of the intruder a blow with all my might."

"The fireman, thinking I had killed the man, shrank off steam and we slowed down and took our lanterns to examine the strange visitor. I could not describe the feelings that crept over me when I observed that the intruder was the man whom I believed had attacked me. His entire body below the arms was gone. It was easy to understand what had happened. He had been struck by the rapidly moving engine and his body, severed with a blow, the lower half falling to one side and the head and arms flying straight through the cab window."—Atlanta Journal.

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Power Consumption in Pipe Playing.
The Melon Didn't Count.

The regular annual meeting of the Essex County Mutual Insurance Company for the election of five directors will be held at the Company's office, No. 7 Broad Street, Newark, N. J., on Monday, January 13, 1896, between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock P. M.

"But what have you done?" said Napoleon.
"Why, sire," said the soldier, "it was I who, in the desert of Yafa, when it was terribly hot and you were parched with thirst, brought you a watermelon."

"Thank you," said Napoleon, "but a watermelon for a general worth a crown of the Legion of Honor."

"The general flew into a violent rage."

"Then he shouted, 'I suppose that the seven wounds that I got at Arcola and at Lodi and at Austerlitz and at Friedland go for nothing, eh? My 11 campaigns in Italy, in Egypt, in Austria, in Prussia and in Poland don't count for nothing!'

"'Tut, tut, tut!' exclaimed the emperor. 'How you do get excited when you come to the essential point of the whole matter! I make you now a chevalier of the Legion of Honor for your wounds and your campaign, but don't tell me any more about your watermelons!'

John's Demise.

Mr. L., a good natured German, was the prosperous proprietor of a considerable clothing business in a small town. He had a son, John, who had advanced from cabin boy to head clerk and who had for many years been an attaché of the store. Since his promotion John had several times asked for a raise in his salary, and each time his request had been granted. One morning John again appeared at the store, having been absent for a week, asking for an increase of \$10 per month.

"Why, son," said Mr. L., "I don't know why you pooh-pooh all the time. Vat for I lays you any more?" "Well," replied John confidently, "I am your principal help here. I have worked you up to a large trade. I know every detail of the business, and now, if you will give me a raise along with the rest, I am sure that I can do it."

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